

CAN SHE TEACH AND HAVE A BABY TOO?

Mrs. Edgell's Plea a Perplexing Problem for Board of Education.

MISS STRACHAN OPPOSED

Other Women Teachers Think Time Should Be Allowed—Men Are Opposed.

Whether or not a married public school teacher has the right to take a year's leave of absence from school duty to stay home and rear and look after a baby is a question that has aroused much discussion among women's organizations. A decision is expected when the application of Mrs. Frank D. Edgell, a physical culture instructor in the Erasmus Hall High School, Brooklyn, is decided at the next meeting of the Board of Education.

In the controversy aroused two kinds of experts are recognized as competent to offer good suggestions—those experienced in school matters and those supposed to be skilled in rearing their own children.

Miss Grace C. Strachan, a district superintendent in the public school system, is considered an expert on school matters. She is president of the Interborough Association of Women Teachers.

"Married women teachers should not have a year's leave of absence to have a child and rear it," said Miss Strachan at a meeting of the organization yesterday.

"That woman should resign and allow an unmarried woman to take her place. The married woman teacher does not need the money so much as her unmarried sister; besides the married woman teacher cannot do justice to the school children and be absent every now and then to look after her own children."

"One of the other must suffer and perhaps both. A married woman's place is at home with her children so long as she has a husband able to support the family."

Mrs. Edgell's husband is a teacher in the same school and has a salary of \$3,000 a year.

Mrs. John F. Yawger, vice-president of the City Federation of Women's Clubs, said yesterday that she was strongly in favor of giving Mrs. Edgell the desired leave of absence to take care of the baby.

"Motherhood is women's highest mission," she said. "Nothing could better develop a woman to be a better teacher than the experience of having a child of her own. The Board of Education grants leaves of absence to teachers for travel and study that the teacher may improve herself and become more efficient. Why not in this case? There could be no cause of child study more helpful than the experience of motherhood. We don't want ethics, but practical, solid facts."

Miss Florence Guernsey, president of the same organization of women's clubs, said she hoped Mrs. Edgell would get her leave of absence.

Mrs. Edward J. O'Dwyer, wife of Judge O'Dwyer of the City Court, also expressed the opinion that a married woman teacher should be allowed to bear a child without losing her job. Mrs. Ira Bamberger and Miss Olivia Leventritt, members of the Board of Education, were others who thought Mrs. Edgell should have leave of absence.

School Commissioner Abraham Stern is opposed to married women teachers in the public schools when they have husbands capable of supporting them. Several other members of the educational board have expressed opposition to giving extended leaves of absence to married teachers because of child bearing.

SUES BANKER FOR ALIENATION.

Civil Engineer Asks \$50,000 Damages From Henry D. Chater.

Henry D. Chater, head of the banking firm of Chater & Elder of 35 Wall street, was sued for \$50,000 damages yesterday on the charge of alienating the affections of Mrs. Helen Cowdrey Crawford. The plaintiff is William H. Crawford, a civil engineer, who married Helen Cowdrey in Arkansas in 1908 and lived with her in St. Louis until they came here in 1911. Crawford's wife left him on December 11 last.

Crawford says in his complaint that he was compelled to go West on business frequently and supposed his wife was remaining in the home he had provided for her, but learned that the banker had represented himself to her as able to give her more luxuries than her husband provided. The husband says that Mr. Chater spent money lavishly on Mrs. Crawford and entertained her at the Cafe Martin, Breton Hall and elsewhere and later prevailed on her to leave her husband by making her discontented with her lot.

DISSOLUTION PLAN BY MARCH 15.

Union Pacific-Southern Pacific Indemnity Offer Ends Then.

The Union Pacific-Southern Pacific dissolution plan must be worked out before March 15 to gain advantage of the offer of the present underwriting syndicate. The offer expires at that time.

Attorney-General McReynolds has informed the railroad officials that he approves of the plan as worked out under Mr. Wickerson. The matter of readjustments necessitated by the California commission ruling has been deemed by the new Attorney-General as outside of his province.

The traffic officials of the two roads are trying to work out traffic arrangements that will free the plan from the effect of the California ruling and still retain its essential features.

CHAUFFEUR SHE ACCUSES HELD.

Mrs. Le Compté Says Doctor's Driver Grabbed Her by the Arm.

Mrs. Madelon Le Compté of 108 Woolsey street, Astoria, appeared in the Hunter's Point police court yesterday to press a charge of assault against Ralph Caferro of 33 Hart street, Brooklyn. Mrs. Le Compté was released by court order from a retreat where she was placed for observation as to her sanity.

Caferro was chauffeur for Dr. Sigfried Block of 845 Greene avenue, Brooklyn, who examined Mrs. Le Compté before she was sent to the retreat. Mrs. Le Compté says that the chauffeur wanted her to take an automobile ride and that when she refused he grabbed her by the arm.

Magistrate Fitch held Caferro for special sessions in \$200 bail.

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MISSSES' CREPE DE CHINE DRESSES, in the most desirable shades, at \$22.00

MISSSES' DRESSES of Tosca Crepe and Voile combined, effectively embroidered at \$14.50

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MISSSES' BLOUSES of white washable Voile, embroidered and trimmed in rose or blue, at \$2.00

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WOMEN'S 3-CLASP MARVEX KID GLOVES, in black, tan or white per pair \$1.45

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In the COTTON DRESS FABRICS DEPARTMENT

10,000 Yards of Imported Dress Ginghams

in a large variety of the new bordered effects, plaids, checks and stripes, will be on sale at the special price of 19c. per yard

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A selection of fancy articles consisting of Handkerchief, Glove, Veil and Trinket Boxes, Pincushions, Work-bags and Jewel Cabinets, will be offered at ABOUT ONE-HALF THE USUAL PRICES.

The department is showing, at interesting prices, a diversity of attractive novelties appropriate for Easter gifts, bridge prizes, luncheon favors, etc. Included are Fancy Baskets, Doll Cushions, Dolly Sets, Folding Work-stands, Scrap Baskets, Desk Sets and other useful and ornamental articles.

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B. Altman & Co. are showing a large and attractive selection of WOMEN'S TRIMMED HATS for Spring wear, including copies of imported models and a number of smart designs from their own workrooms, at prices ranging from \$15.00 to \$25.00

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The following Special Sale of WOMEN'S TAILOR-MADE SUITS will be held on TUESDAY, March 11th.

Women's Tailor-made Suits, combining the latest cut, styles and materials and of superior workmanship, will be offered at \$38.00, 35.00 & 29.00

Special Announcement

Commencing to-morrow (Monday), March 10th

B. Altman & Co. will make to order, in workrooms specially reserved on the premises, WOMEN'S EVENING AND AFTERNOON DRESSES of Silk Crepe de Chine, at \$57.00

Models and materials will be displayed on the Seventh Floor.

THIRTY-FIFTH STREET ELEVATORS

For TUESDAY,

March 11th

AN UNUSUAL SALE HAS BEEN PREPARED OF

Women's Blouses

comprising new, smart models, at remarkably interesting prices.

LINGERIE and VOILE BLOUSES, with trimmings of ratine or embroidery and lace, high and flat collars, long and three-quarter sleeves at \$1.75

BATISTE and VOILE BLOUSES in plain and flowered effects with trimmings of lace and embroidery, high and low necks, long and three-quarter sleeves at \$2.25 & 2.75

LINGERIE & BATISTE BLOUSES, hand-embroidered and lace-trimmed, with high neck and three-quarter sleeves at \$4.00

CHIFFON BLOUSES in a variety of styles, some combined with shadow lace and batiste embroidery; with high and low necks, long and three-quarter sleeves, in black and colors at \$5.00 & 8.00

Also on TUESDAY,

March 11th

Women's Colonial Pumps

in patent coltskin and black Russia calfskin, the regular price of which is \$5.00 per pair, will be on sale at \$3.50

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Attention is directed to B. Altman & Co.'s remarkably fine assortments of white and ivory Crepe de Chine, Brocaded Crepe, Crepe Charmeuse, etc., for bridal gowns, and similar fabrics in the delicate Spring shades for bridesmaids' dresses. Also Real Lace Robes, Bridal Veils, Flouncings, etc.; Afternoon and Evening Gowns, Tailor-made Suits and Going-away Dresses; Blouses, Coats and Wraps; Boudoir Gowns and Negligees; French and American-made Lingerie; Paris Hats, Imported Parasols, Neckwear, Gloves, Shoes, Hosiery and all the accessories of the wardrobe.

The Silk Department

has prepared for to-morrow (Monday), March 10th, an especially interesting display of the NEW DRESS SILKS for Afternoon and Evening wear.

Included are the recent importations, accurately representing the latest Paris fashions in rich textiles. An extraordinarily large stock of desirable Dress Silks is maintained in this department at all seasons. Inspection is cordially invited.

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